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WOMAN'S UNION MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF AMERICA FOR HEATHEN LANDS.

This Society was organized in 1860, and is the pioneer of Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies in America.

It is undenominational, and so it presents a united Christian front to the heathen world.

It is carried on entirely by women, with unsalaried officers.

Its aim is the salvation and elevation of heathen women.

"Win for Christ," its motto.

"MEDICAL Missions" have been brought prominently before the Church of God, through the two great Conferences that were held at Shanghai and Liverpool. The great Centenary Conference of China, recognized Medical Missions as not merely an adjunct, but as an integral and coordinate part of the Missionary work of the Christian Church. The Conference strongly recommended that two Medical Missionaries should be attached to every large Hospital, and that the men and women appointed to undertake responsible medical work, should have the best possible professional training and equipment.

AT the Indian Episcopal Synod held in Calcutta, these statements were made: "It has been recognized by thoughtful observers that an inevitable outcome of this contact of East and West, must be the introduction of a new life into this great land, and the change of many of the customs and conditions which have characterized it in the past. As Christianity has everywhere been a potent force in the development of a spirit of true nationality, and as the Church of the English-speaking races pre-eminently, has been the mother of free institutions, we may rightly expect that her work in India will be fruitful in like results."

SIGNIFICANT testimony to the evangelization of India by its own people is given by N. Hamilton, an Indian lawyer: "India will be saved by the Indians. The Americans have done and are doing their part by means of their money and energy, but the evangelization of India rests with the Indians. The educated Indian Christian youths have begun to feel the burden of the evangelization of India. What India needs to-day is, that her children be educated, so that some time they may stand on their own feet and help their Church. They will face the followers of the false religions and will fight the battle of truth. Take all Christian young men of India in hand, and give them sound and thorough education, and India will soon be Christian."

RECENTLY the Gaikwar of Baroda, India, with his Maharini, made an extensive tour in America. On their return to their native land "they have thrown themselves heart and soul into every movement which tends toward the uplifting and development of India, socially, politically and materially. The Gaikwar feels no less an interest than does the Maharini, in the uplifting and emancipation of the women of India. He has offered a prize of 200 rupees for the best English essay on 'The Ideal of Hindu Womanhood, with Practical Suggestions for its Realization.'"

"THE Begum of Bhopal, India, is now writing her autobiography in Urdu. Her highness has engaged a Parsee lady educated in Paris, as companion and State artist, and by sending her to sketch distant parts of her dominions, she obtains a good idea of places that her *purdah* does not permit her otherwise to see. The Begum's life is simple and strenuous. Rising soon after 5 A.M. she works until 7 P.M. signing papers, reading petitions, etc. At 9 P.M. she reads, paints, and writes. Intervals are allowed for prayers during the day, but not for amusements."

SCHOOL—JHANSI, INDIA

IN EASTERN LANDS.

INDIA—ALLAHABAD.

INFLUENCE OF A TRACT.

By Miss E. M. Bertsch.

A CONSECRATED little woman who has given many of the best years of her life in service among earth's lowly ones, one day read a tract which led to some serious heart-searching. After all, was she reaching the lowliest, the unlovely and despised ones for whom her Lord had died? She told her Master she was ready for such service, and we have little doubt that her prayer was registered in heaven. After a few more days spent in the usual routine, she found in one of the small lanes only a few feet wide, in which our oriental cities abound, an old woman, dirty, scantily clad, and weak from exposure and lack of nourishment, hardly able to beg even the small amount imperative for her physical needs.

Was this the answer to her prayer? The woman was a Brahmin having no fellowship with aliens, especially in matters of food, but this old woman gladly ate what was provided for the *Miss Sahib's* breakfast, and gratefully accepted her offer of shelter. Repulsive in the extreme, the little Missionary felt that God had indeed taken her at her word, and prayed fervently that she might not fail at the very outset. Grace sufficient was provided, for even the servants rendered glad service to the old woman, and during the *Miss Sahib's* absence at work, waited on her most willingly.

Medicine from a near-by Government Dispensary seemed of little benefit, and after consultation it was deemed wise to take her to a Mission Hospital, to try and stop the ravages of a disease rapidly sapping the woman's strength. On arrival, the physician shook her head and said, "We can do nothing for her, as she has only two or three days more to live; whatever teaching you want to give her, you must give soon." Medicines were given to relieve her, and make the last hours of the woman as easy as possible, and then the *Miss Sahib* turned aside to continue her loving ministry among many in this land, who have much to learn of the simplest rules of health, and that "cleanliness is next to godliness." Evil and uncleanliness will remain a mystery until Jesus, the King of Righteousness, comes. We praise the Lord that time is coming, and He will cleanse not only hearts, but homes and cities, too, from all that is offensive.

The missionary had not long to continue her care for the woman, and make the most of her opportunities sitting near her patient singing softly or repeating precious promises from the Master's lips, and the moaning ceased.

Soon the old woman took off a string of cheap imitation coral beads and gave them to the Missionary, saying, "I want you to have them. You have been kind to me." Not the value of the gift, but the motive, made it precious. Are we all reaching out helping hands to the outcast and showing our gratitude for the loving care of our Lord?

CITY SCHOOLS.

By Miss G. Ali.

THERE are three Mohammedan and two Hindu schools under my charge in Allahabad, with an attendance of one hundred and ninety girls. Their ages vary from three to eighteen years, and more than half are married. For a time they visit their mothers-in-law, and again come back to us, some never return. Often when they go to a station where there happens to be a mission school, they do not lose the opportunity of attending it. We have noticed everywhere that mothers are very anxious to have their daughters taught. Very often a new girl will come clinging to her mother, who if she can afford to give her time, will sit with her till the class is finished. The Indian women have hearts just as loving and tender as any mother. It is the fathers and brothers who oppose. I have met some exceptional cases, where a girl daily comes to school in her brother's arms. In another school I once saw a father accompanying his daughter, who was crying bitterly, and at every turn she tried to run back. The father succeeded in bringing her in, and when she found other girls from her neighborhood there, she soon forgot past troubles, and became interested in the work the children were doing. At that time they happened to be pricking the picture of a cat on colored paper, which they afterward fill in with thread, the girl who does her best, generally getting it as a reward.

It is a great amusement in all these schools to learn to string beads, and they enjoy naming different colors while making little garlands. When they get tired, the teacher sometimes will use a scrap-book, showing pictures of girls and boys, birds, houses and flowers of other countries; some children are bright enough to compare their dolls with pictures of English babies.

With great difficulty a school was opened six months ago in a part of the city where high-caste Hindus live, and we have an attendance of twenty-four girls. A wicked man opened a school in that neighborhood, and to draw away our children presents were given weekly of knitting-needles, wool, paper, pencils, and sweets. Children can be enticed everywhere, and some left our school although we have new ones in their places. One day this man was called to another station on account of his son's illness, and as he never returned, his school was closed, and some of our former pupils are gradually coming back to us.

The Hindu scholars love to sing action songs, but Mohammedan girls are brought up to consider it a crime to sing or move any part of the body, as only dancing women do this. The benefit of bodily exercise will only be gradually understood by our Indian people.

In two schools we give cards to ensure a regular attendance. We hope that all the girls will soon learn to come because they love study.

In each school a woman collects the children, brings them from their homes and takes them back, and when mothers learn to trust this woman, they send their daughters to us more willingly. A great deal depends upon her during school hours, for she cleans the slates, sweeps the place, and at recess brings the lunch, if the children come without their breakfast.

The girls are taught reading (Mohammedan girls in Persian, Hindu girls in Hindi characters), writing, spelling and counting. Scripture is taught in different ways, by means of catechism, picture-rolls and golden text; verses and hymns are memorized. The Lord's prayer closes all exercises, and no matter how much trouble a girl may have given during her lessons, each head bows reverently, eyes are closed, hands clasped, and all repeat the prayer.

It is our great privilege, but no easy task, to plant Gospel seed in the hearts of India's daughters, for they are full of superstitious ideas. There is no need for discouragement, the Word which has shed a flood of light wherever it has gone is slowly yet surely reaching India's hearts.

Ours is a noble work "to proclaim a Saviour's love and life and rest in heaven above."

CHINA—SHANGHAI.

PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVANGELIZATION.

By Miss Mary J. Irvine.

IF you join us in a fourteen days' trip away from Shanghai, you may come into our boat, remembering that we are not going on a pleasure trip, but to spread the Gospel. Do not be surprised if you see and hear many things which are very unlike any of your pre-

conceived ideas, but remember that we are in China. The object of interest before us is preaching the Gospel to the unevangelized multi-millions. We are settled in our House-Boat and only a few miles along on our journey, when we find a most malignant disease on board, and at once dismiss our boat.

In a village close by, there are some inquirers and Christians. The useful wheelbarrowman is called to our assistance, and soon not only the village but all the neighborhood is interested in seeing our various articles safely transferred to one side of the wheelbarrows, while the traveler occupies the other. For some months Mrs. Taè, our Senior Bible Woman, has been holding monthly services in her brother's home, and although we are strangers we are assured of a hearty welcome in it. The doors of this new house are thrown open to us at once, and a clean furnished bedroom is ready for us. In the evening all the neighbors come to listen to us, and although none of the women read, two are inquirers and glad to have us teach them more of the Gospel. Our store of selections from Scripture, printed in tract form and hymns, come into use. Immediately there is a hum all about us as one and another repeats what we are teaching. The most illiterate can comprehend the meaning of the words, "Jesus loved me and gave Himself for me." A silent hush falls upon those who crowd around us, when our Christian host unites in evening prayer and praise.

In the morning we leave for the country beyond, and sell tracts and books in the village some distance off. A Christian invites us into her home, and there we make the acquaintance of a neighbor, who already has heard the truth in our Margaret Williamson Hospital. All the way along this street of about half a mile we sell tracts. We have been entirely free from the general annoyances found on the street, such as a crowd of unruly boys and countless dogs. In the evening we teach two earnest women inquirers, who declare their determination to be Christians.

Mo Soh Dung is a village still unevangelized, where we have visited once before and found one new Reform School for boys, only three or four girl students in attendance. The man who carries on the school is of literary fame, and doubtless the school receives Government recognition. An interested, intelligent listener declares that we are called the "One person sect," meaning that one person of the family may believe, irrespective of any other member of the family or clan.

In a village a mile long we learn that two men are Christians, although few of the women have even heard of the Gospel.

While we remain, the street in front of a store is lined with people, who stand in a pitiless rain under the native umbrella, made of bamboo splints and oil paper. We have made friends with the family, and feel that the Word spoken will receive next time a more intelligent hearing. Mrs. Dan, an inquirer, lives a short distance away and a few of her neighbors come in, who say, "We have not heard this news about Jesus coming into the world to die for our redemption." The friendly attitude of this woman is shown by her inviting us to take all the rain-water we wish for drinking, from her stone barrel. It is a boon for which we are thankful, and such an attitude has only come about within the last two years of our residence in China. What a comfort to have plenty of rain water for use! Formerly the people were so superstitious that they did not dare offer us such a thing, fearing that all their luck would depart. How much hardship and suffering our pioneer missionaries must have endured, especially in evangelizing work!

On Sunday our boat anchored opposite a dyeing establishment, and the woman of the home came down to the water's edge to wash the rice for the noon meal. The friendly conversation with the strangers leads her to come and invite us in her home. Idolatry has lost its hold on her and she would learn to pray to the God of Heaven. We find even most illiterate women are persistent in their efforts to learn to pray and worship the Redeemer—Jesus Christ. At the end of this village lives one Christian man who keeps a tea house. The place is crowded with people who have come in in their small canoes and fishing boats, and who listen in silence while Mrs. Zau preaches the glad tidings of salvation. Any one daring to speak aloud or make remarks, is told by their interested neighbors to keep still and listen. This Christian man is happy to have us visit and teach his wife more of Christianity.

We stop over at Ne We, where there are a few Christians, and call on Mrs. Woo, who is a Vegetarian, but whose daughter has recently become a Christian. She is seventy-two years old and has never heard of Jesus! and as we tell her the story, another woman sits listening, bending over eagerly, not missing a word. "Tell me more," she said, "I want to hear, I am seventy-five and never before heard," and returns to her village full of joy to tell her neighbors what she has heard.

The following day in the town of Do Doin, Mrs. Iau compelled us to go to her home and teach her more about Jesus. While we are sitting in the court yard, all her neighbors gathered, for they said "We have heard from this woman, this Doctrine."

How pathetic to see an intelligent old man who can read our books and tracts say, "This is the first time I have ever heard this Doctrine. I believe in one God, but I never heard about His Son."

As night comes on, how we regret to leave these newly-found disciples, who ask us, "Will you tell me how to pray to the God of Heaven?" "How does He forgive sins?" Where may we go to worship Him? Can we realize what the words of Jesus mean to such seeking ones, when He said, "I am the door"—"I am the way, the truth and the life."

Some months ago Mrs. Wong applied to come into our Bible School, as eight years before she heard the Gospel when we were visiting in another village.

Mrs. Yang offers us hospitality. The Yang family are the most important in the town, as they belong to both the literary and well-to-do class of Chinese. Three sons are in a Government college at Nanking, and three daughters are studying in the Tientsin Government Normal School, carried on under the guidance of Yuan-shi-thi (China's greatest viceroy). The family are not yet Christian, yet are very progressive. We feel that we are making friends with those who will some day be gathered into the kingdom.

Our next call is to see La La (Lady) who eight or nine years ago was a patient in our Hospital. She was a devout idolator, whom we have visited twice before, and while courteous to us, there was little interest in the doctrine. How changed her attitude now: she, too, is being moved by the increasingly growing sentiment toward Christianity and realizes how shallow Buddhism is and what little comfort it gives even to the most devout souls. "I believe what you are teaching is true," replied this honorable lady. "The enlightened and educated are believing now all over China." Listening to such utterances stimulates our faith in regard to evangelizing this great field.

Miss Oo is the daughter of the chief magistrate, who last year was a student in our Bible School and is a genuine believer, having learned to pray.

The last visit we make is in the home of the Sung Confucianist family, relatives of our Bible Woman, who have in the past shown little interest in Christianity. Mr. Sung listens for the first time to what we have to say about Jesus, the Saviour of all men. We rejoice in the courage given to us to speak of Christ, so different from the great Sage of China.

Sunday morning service is held for our little group of Christians. In the afternoon accompanied by five of our Christians we go to Ne Weg, where there is a street chapel, kept open by the London Mission. During the service a quiet company sit and stand in perfect silence, spellbound as it were, while the Gospel is being proclaimed. At the close, questions are asked and Scripture tracts are distributed.

Do these occasional visits during fourteen days enable you to see something of the breadth and length of the work being done? We find the ones Christ is seeking to save, and are brought into closest touch too with hearts that God's Spirit is preparing for the good seed.

PERSONALS.

Calcutta.—Miss Easton writes: You will be sorry to hear that Tommy, my right hand and assistant the longest in our mission, is very ill. I was obliged to put him in a Hospital, as it was impossible for him to be taken care of at home. His freedom from pain and his great peace of mind have been a comfort to us. He told me that the whole congregation to which he belonged, had been to see him. He is a very important member of his church and well known.

Yokohama.—Miss Alward writes: October 9th was beautiful and warm when we gathered on the grounds of the new Union Church, to watch Miss Crosby turn the first sod for the foundation. It was not very large sod, nor was a big spade used, but a beginning of what we trust will be a great and beautiful work. The service was very simple and appropriate, and we were very glad to have Miss Crosby thus honored, as was of course her right, as the oldest member of the Church. They presented her with the spade and a beautiful bouquet. She is well and active, and we are all very thankful for her life among us.

Shanghai.—Miss Mary J. Irvine writes: Seventeen years ago (November 10), I arrived in China, and I am conscious of a great change here, and rejoice that I have had the privilege of watching this transition. How interesting to see the change, especially taking place in our day schools. They are more advanced now in English than boarding schools were a few years ago.

HOME NOTES.

PROVOKE UNTO GOOD WORKS.

A NEW organization has recently come into existence which we heartily endorse, as it strikes at the very heart of Christian giving. Its purpose is thus set forth:

ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDS,
FOUNDED A.D. 1904.
FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING SYSTEMATIC AND PROPORTIONATE GIVING TO GOD'S CAUSE, ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT.

"In grateful acknowledgment of the truth that I am not my own, having been redeemed by the precious blood of Christ, and in recognition of the sacred obligations of Christian Stewardship, I desire to be enrolled in the Association of Christian Stewards. I agree to set apart not less than one-tenth of my income, so far as I am able to reckon it, to be used as an enlightened conscience and the providence of God may direct in maintaining and extending Christ's kingdom."

In a recent editorial of *The Christian Steward* we find this clarion note:

"Over fifty years ago a distinguished Christian writer, burning with missionary zeal, appealed to the Church universal, on behalf of unevangelized heathendom, in the following language:

"Why should not each Church or Christian community take into sober consideration, what is its proportion of the agency necessary to evangelize the world?"

Calculations have been made as to what contributions of men and money would be necessary to furnish the vast areas of heathendom with the Gospel within the next twenty-five years. The ample resources of men and money found in the Church of to-day, are more than equal to the undertaking, and the challenge of God has gone forth summoning all Christendom to respond to the cry of suffering humanity, on a scale of magnitude equal to the demands of the hour. What imperative motives are urging us on? The desolating influences of sin are sweeping over the nations. The religion of Jesus is emphatically the only one in the world that shows men how to get rid of sin. With the all-healing remedy in our hands and with ample facilities for sending the glad tidings to every creature, is it not criminal neglect to withhold the Gospel message from two-thirds of the human race? A Pentecostal Church is the only real Missionary Church. A Spirit-filled Church will supply all the conditions for successful world-wide evangelization. Her intellect will be consecrated, her social and political influence will be placed under contribution for the Master's service, and her vast resources of wealth will be held as a sacred trust from God, to be used for the extension of His kingdom.

The whole tithe will be brought into the storehouse and supplemented by large free-will offerings. Lavish expenditures for self-indulgence and needless luxuries will be turned into the channels of Christian benevolence, and thus the great money power of the Church will become a sanctified talent for the salvation of mankind.

In no age of the world has spontaneous, abundant giving, been so pronounced as now. Colossal fortunes are made in a day, and vast projects in the world's affairs have educated people to colossal expenditures. Why should this outlay be confined solely to the things of time and sense? Shall not this pace be the one incentive to gauge all Christian activities, which because they are successful, demand extensive and increasing outlays? A striking thought found in a recent journal gives the solution to every strained financial situation in Mission Boards: "It is not keeping expenses down, but keeping faith and enthusiasm up, that gives a clear balance sheet."

How to arouse and develop conscientious generosity for the things of Christ is the one great problem of the present moment.

"At one of the banquets of the Lord Mayor of London, Mr. Gladstone eulogized Mr. George Peabody, as one who had "taught the most needful of all lessons—how a man can be master of his fortune, and not its slave." Money is not in itself a power. Its power depends on its connection with machinery. Properly applied and constantly kept working, it turns a million wheels and makes every part of the complete body, politic and ecclesiastic, hum with its beneficent activity. Get your money released that it may become an available power and force in the Kingdom of God. No other money will do where God wants yours."

STUDENT VOLUNTEER CALL.

By DR. S. M. ZWEMER.

THE large number of calls for workers is a call for prayer. Mission Boards to-day are placing emphasis on quality, rather than on quantity. Most of the positions call for exceptional qualifications, and

can be filled only by those who have a thorough education, natural gifts of leadership, and spiritual power.

The number of native workers on the mission field who possess spiritual, intellectual and administrative efficiency and power, is increasing year by year. "We have now in many of our mission fields," says Robert E. Speer, "men who are the peers of our missionaries; I mean not only are they their peers in spiritual devotion; not only that they are their peers in intellectual ability, but, what is more difficult than either of these in many fields, the native men are their peers in administrative efficiency, in the ability to set work going, in the ability to manage and handle that work." After mentioning men like Morales in Mexico, Reis in Rio Janeiro, Ibuka and Uemura in Japan, and Dr. Chatterjee in India, Mr. Speer goes on to say:

"The day is passing, if it is not already long past, when missionaries can stand any more on the strength of their racial superiority, or on the strength of their administrative control of the funds of the home churches. They have got to stand now on their moral superiority, on their intellectual superiority, on their spiritual superiority, on their superiority as men, or they have no superiority on which to stand."

There are men and women in our American colleges who can, with God's help, measure up to the high standard of requirement thus set forth by Mr. Speer. It is the province of the Boards to decide on the qualifications. Student Volunteers should covet earnestly the best of these opportunities for leadership, and be the first to apply for the hardest positions mentioned.

A TESTIMONIAL TO FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis.

THE history of the achievements of Missionaries would fill a library. England rules a state in Africa named Uganda. Some thirty years ago Henry Stanley reached the borders of the lake. David Livingstone had made a Christian out of the cynical newspaper reporter. One morning the London *Telegraph* published Stanley's letter describing Uganda, and asked that some Board send out missionaries. The London Missionary Society was in session. On Wednesday a young man, named Mackay, read the letter. On Saturday he volunteered. The following Tuesday, with four young men, he sailed for Uganda.

What have they done? There is a railroad, a thousand miles long, to the seashore. They have six hundred miles of roads fit for automobiles. They recently dedicated a building as large as Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. They have a normal school that has five hundred young men and women studying to be teachers. They have three thousand native Bible readers. In contrast with the old era of savagery, the land is an oasis in Africa's desert. Now, Missionaries built the State literally, and mixed the mortar with their blood. The story of Uganda is one of the most thrilling stories in history, and yet, with scarcely less dramatic detail, it is the story of Morrison in China, the story of our Missionaries in Korea and Burmah."

OBSERVATIONS OF WILLIAM H. TAFT

I DID not realize until I went into the Orient the variety of things that Foreign Missions accomplish. Connected with every successful Foreign Mission, is an industrial school. You have to teach that cleanliness is next to Godliness, and that one point is to keep healthy. Every good Foreign Mission has hospitals and doctors and therefore the mission makes a nucleus of modern civilization with schools, teachers and physicians and the church. In that way, having educated the native, having taught him how to live, then they are able to be sure that they have made him a consistent Christian. Every Foreign Mission in China is a nucleus for the advance of modern civilization.

China is in a great state of transition. China is looking forward to progress.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL CONFERENCE.

A CONFERENCE of officers and delegates of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada will be held under the auspices of the Congregational Board, at Park Street Church, Boston, February 24th and 25th. Seven such conferences have already been held; five in New York, one in Toronto, and the seventh, three years ago, in Nashville, Tennessee, in connection with the Student Volunteer Convention. The officers and other delegates who attend do not form a legislative body, but improve the opportunity for conference upon various matters of common interest to all the Boards, with free interchange of fact, opinion and suggestion.

E. Harriet Stanwood, Chairman.

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FOR MISSION BANDS.

OUR LITTLE FOLK.

By ELLA M. MORRISON.

I WONDER if you would like to come to our Mary S. A. Hoyt Hospital in Jhansi with me this morning to see some of our *Baba log,* as they call the little ones out here!

If we go in by the gate nearest to the Dispensary, we will probably meet mothers, grandmothers and elder sisters coming out and going in, carrying some of these sick little ones. Sometimes a woman passes with a basket on her head, and a tiny hand or foot may reveal to you the contents; but often they are so covered over that one wonders how they can breathe. Again, you may see the mothers carrying them with only a corner of her head covering wrapped about them.

When they will stay, we have them taken to the Hospital, and thither we will now wend our way. In all probability, Mini, our Hospital baby, will be the first sight and greet us with *laam Mama,* for she cannot say *Salaam* yet. On the veranda is a bed where a miserable baby of about a year old is lying, who comes from an influential Hindu home in the city. In this family are seven sons, the eldest of whom is the city treasurer, all married and with their families, living in this one house, making a total of fifty persons. Our little patient's mother is dead, and as all are anxious for his recovery, and willing to bring everything we need for him, we hope that he will get well and strong. It helps our work to come in contact with some of these influential people, for when they have confidence in us they tell others.

In the Hospital we will see Biniya first, a dear little Hindu girl, three years old, whose mother is also dead, and her father has given her to us, as he had no one to take care of her. We were getting her ready for school, when she had typhoid fever, and was quite ill for a while. She is almost well now and keeps telling us that she is hungry, and in a short time she will be able to go to school where she will learn quickly, as she seems so bright.

Near her bed is a little boy named Solomon, whose mother is a Christian. He has been in before and is quite a favorite. In the corner-bed is a young mother, who is also a Christian,

with her baby of about three weeks. Going into a smaller Ward we find three more babies, between one and three weeks of age. One mother is a Christian, the two others are heathen women. Two of the babies are very healthy, bright little things. At present we have no special Ward for the children; but when our new surgical building is completed we hope to make one out of our present operating room. We are very much in need of little swinging cots for our babies, high enough so that the mothers can swing them as they stand by the beds. I wonder if, in some of the homes where this may be read, there is not such a cot, which is not being used? We could use two or three most of the time, and very often more, and they would be such a help. Much of our work here is for the children, and we feel we are following the example of the Master, who while He was on earth, healed their sicknesses and took them in His arms and blessed them. There are many, many little ones in this great land and if we can help them it means a benefit for the future when they will be men and women. If they are neglected, they enter on life handicapped at the very beginning. We want you to pray for these children. Remember that you can best show your gratitude to Jesus by trying to do something for those who have not your blessings. Working for others brings its own special joy, does it not? May you dear young people in the homeland realize this more and more!

WHAT OUR SCHOLARS ENJOY.

By FLORENCE A. WELLS.

EIGHT of our girls from 212 Bluff were invited to go to the American Naval Hospital in Yokohama to sing for the convalescent sailors. The previous evening when they came to my room to practice with my baby-organ, I told them that probably some of the sailors were not Christians, and perhaps they might be helped by hearing the singing. It was just after our scholars had been taken to visit the U. S. ship Minnesota, and the sailors had been very kind in showing them the parts of the ship; so the eight girls felt very glad that they could do even a little thing for American sailors.

I wish you could have heard them sing; it would have done your heart good. First they sang "Trying to Walk in the Steps of the Saviour," then "I Stand All Amazed at the Love Jesus Offers Me," then "The Old Ship of Zion," and last they sang with great feeling, "I Wandered Far Away from God—Now I'm Coming Home." The sailors' faces showed that their hearts were touched; and after the meeting was over every one of them thanked us for having them come. The girls were very happy because they had been able to do what was to them Foreign Mission work.

One Sunday evening fourteen of the little girls came to my room "to play," they said, and that meant they didn't know what to do with themselves because it was Sunday and they are only children. We sat before the fire and I happened to have a package of old Sunday-school cards,—so I told them Bible stories and let them guess the names of the heroes, and as one guessed them they would receive the card with that picture on. The next Sunday night some of them came again, and we asked them to tell the stories.

VACATION IN JAPAN.

(*By One of Our Scholars at 212 Bluff.*)

During last vacation I went up Oyama with my uncles and a few acquaintances.

Oyama and Fugi are sacred mountains, and many pilgrims ascend them each Summer (July 21—August 15). We went to see the famous temples and five waterfalls. Some people were bathing in that place. It falls from a great height and makes a loud noise. It was cool in the rest-house, and the big trees gave a pleasant shade. There were many very steep places, so few women go to the top. But I went; in the middle I felt very tired, and could not walk any more. We were resting in a very terrible place, and told funny stories and played many games. While we were playing the sun was rising between green mountains, and it was very beautiful, but I cannot express it with my poor pen. In many places there were many little temples and priests in them, and they were always wanting money. On the top there was a very good place from which to see. Many large mountains looked very little, and the rivers like a white sheet, and the clouds were low down. When we went down we were very quick and our feet trembled. Each side there were many strange flowers and little trees.

One night my sisters and I went near the river where were many fireflies, which we caught as they were very pretty. Five weeks before we went to the mountains we picked long grass, clover and other flowers.

RECEIPTS *of the Woman's Union Missionary Society of America for Heathen Lands from December 1 to December 31, 1908.*

ALLAHABAD, INDIA.

Conn.—Greenwich, Mrs. A. C. Hencken, for Miss Bertsch's salary, $600 00
N. Y.—Albany Br., Miss M. L. Leonard, Treas. Rensselaer S. S., for school, 50 00
N. J.—Newark Aux., Mrs. R. H. Allen, Treas., Miss Lulu Fay, 1.00; Miss Mary MacDonald, 5.00, for work which otherwise would be closed, Miss Olsen 10.00 for Zenana parties, 5.00 for converts, total for Miss Roderick, 21 00
Pa.—Phila. Br., Mrs. Wm. Waterall, Treas., for Miss Roderick's salary, 70.00; Wells Tannery—Wells Valley Presb. Ch. collection per Miss Wishart, 5.00. 75 00

Total, $746 00

CALCUTTA.

Mass.—Boston Br., Miss Cora Tuxbury, Treas., for support of Meerola, 25.00; Miss May's school support Pyarin, 50.00. Northampton, Smith College Miss. Soc., Miss Adiene Berger, Treas., for Elizabeth Hopkins scholarship, 50.00, $125 00
N. Y.—Brooklyn, Jr. Branch, Miss C. Kirkland, Treas., for Shadomini, 25 00
N. J.—Morristown Invalid's Aux., Miss E. W. Buxton, Pres., for their orphan, 6.31. New Brunswick Aux., Miss A. B. Cook, Treas., for orphan, 15.00, 21 31
Pa.—Williamsport, "What You Can Circle," Y. W. C. Assn., Mrs. O. H. Pidcoe, Treas., for Elizabeth, 6 25
Ohio—Ada, Y. W. C. Ass'n, Ohio Northern University, Miss Lizzie White, Treas., for Preobola 30 00
Mo.—St. Louis Aux., Mrs. S. W. Barber, for Sarah, Bible Reader, 20 00

Total, $227 56

CAWNPORE.

Mary Avery Merriman School.

Mass. Taunton, Miss K. I. Sanford, for support of Kaisaria for two years, $40 00
N. Y.—Albany Br., Mrs. Vandyck, 1.00; cash, 10.00; for Mathurla. Brooklyn, Miss E. E. McCartee, for orphan, 20.00; N. Y. City Trust Fund, of estate of late Eliza A. Dean, Mr. C. D. Kellogg, Treas., 1,080.86, 1111 86
N. J.—Morristown Aux., Mrs. W. W. Cutler, Treas., salary of Missionary, 40.00; Mrs. F. W. Owen, Dr. MacKenzie's salary, 100.00; Plainfield, Mrs. Wm. Griscom, for orphan, 20.00; Princeton Br., Mrs. S. R. Winans, Treas., toward salary Dr. MacKenzie, 52.00, 212 00
Pa.—Lancaster, Miss M. Goehnauer, for Razi, 5.00; Phila. Br., the Misses Comegys, for support of child, 25 00
Ill.—Chicago Bethany U. S. S., per Miss M. R. Marsh, for Kara, 14.00; Second Presb. S. S., Mr. C. E. Beveridge, Treas, 23.41, 37 41
Ind.—Lafayette, Mrs. Z. S. Ely, for Margaret, 20 00
Minn.—Minneapolis, Mr. A. H. Wright, for Thavri, 15 00
Calif.—Pasadena, King's Daughters, per Miss G. R. Ward, for Nova Marchi, 20.00; Santa Barbara, Dr. H. P. Merriman, 50.00, 70 00

Total, $1,531 27

FATEHPUR.

N. J.—Fanwood & Scotch Plains Women's League, through Mrs H. S. Fullerton, 13.00; M. J. S., 2.00; Miss Elsie Perrine, and Miss Ruth Jackson, 10.00, for support of Sarat, $25 00
Pa.—Gtn., Mrs. S. G. Beck, for rescue work, 50.00; Phila. Br., Miss Todd's salary, 150.00, 200 00

Total, $225 00

JHANSI.

Mary S. Ackerman Hoyt Hospital.

N. Y.—N. Y. City, Estate of Ezra P. Hoyt, Dr. J. Ackerman Coles, ex. for repairs, $150 00
Pa.—Phila. Br., Dr. Ernst's salary, 150.00; Shippensburg Normal S. S. collection, Miss A. V. Horton, Treas., 4.87, 154 87
Eng.—Margate, Home of Rest, Mrs. C. Hill, for "Rest Cot," 24 26

Total, $329 13

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

Mass.—Northampton, Smith College Miss. Soc., for Nurse Mrs. Isaug. M. W. Hospital. $50 00
N. Y.—Albany Br., for Assistant, M. W. Hospital, 60.00; Ossining, Hearts and Hands, for Jesus Band, per Mrs. J. E. Johnson, for pupil in Bridgman Home, 40.00. 100 00
Pa.—Phila. Br., Dr. Reifsnyder's salary. 150 00
Can.—Quebec, Miss Hope Jack, Bible Woman, under Miss Irvine, 20 00

Total, $320 00

YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

Conn.—Greenwich, Mrs. H. C. Hencken, scholarship, $40 00
N. Y.—Albany Br., Madison Ave. Ref. Ch., 60.00; Miss M. L. Leonard, 60.00, for their Bible Readers. Fishkill, Tioranda S. S., per Miss M. T. Kittridge, for scholarship, 15.00; Geneva, Mrs. F. S. Bronson, for Negeshi S. S., 5.00; Evangelistic work, 5.00; N. Y. City, Miss A. Lent, 25.00; Miss Mary Crosby, 100.00, both for Miss Crosby's work; Miss Loomis, from sale of pictures, 13.40, 283 40
N. J.—New Brunswick Aux., for three scholarships, 120.00; Plainfield, Mrs. J. De Graff's S. S. Class, for Mitsao Harjo, 40.00, 160 00

Total, $483 40

GENERAL FUND.

Mass.—Boston Br., Miss E. W. Tyler, 1.00; collection and interest, 15.23, $16.23
Conn.—Norwich Town, Mrs. C. P. Lane, 2 00
N. Y.—Albany Br., 242.00; Brooklyn, Mrs. F. H. Marston, 10.00; Ithaca, Miss J. L. Hardy, 10.00; Mr. E. E. Turner, 100.00; N. Y. City, Miss M. E. Nixon, 5.00; Tuxedo, Mrs. S. S. Marie, 20.00, 387 00
N. J.—Fairton, Mrs. M. J. Sheppard, 1.00; Montclair, Mrs. Benj. Carter, 10.00; Newark Aux. Coll., by Miss Edith Merry—Mrs. R. F. Ballantine, 25.00; Mrs. John Ballantine, 10.00; Mrs. F. S. Douglas, 1.00; Miss A. B. Duryee, 1.00; Miss M. O. Duryee, 1.00; Miss E. Merry, 3.00; collected by Miss E. V. Miller—Miss M. C. Brown, 1.00; Miss T. Burnet, 1.00; Mrs. Douglas and Miss Johnson, 1.00; Miss E. V. Miller,

2.00; Mrs. Peter Ballantine, 200.00; Mrs. Noe, 1.00; Mrs. H. D. Gulick, Mrs. A. S. Carter, 1.00; Mrs. H. Carter, 1.00; Miss E. Carter, 1.00; Mrs. J. Beach, 1.00; Mrs. E. Brown, Miss Condit, 2.50; Mrs. F. Frelinghuysen, 5.00; Mrs. R. C. Klingle, 2.00; Mrs. J. Marshall, 1.00; Mrs. Benj. Stiles, 1.00; Mrs. R. B. Symington, 10.00; Miss J. W. Abeel, 2.50; Miss F. L. Smith, 2.00; Mrs. C. W. Wheeler, 10.00, 300 00

Total, $705 23

JUBILEE FUND.

Conn.—Norwalk, Mrs. H. L. Southmayd, 1.00; Miss Platt, 1.00; Terryville, Mrs. J. P. Davis, 10.00,	$12 00	
N. Y.—N. Y. City, sale of articles from Miss Bertsch, India,	15 00	
N. J.—Morristown, Mrs. F. W. Owen,	100 00	
Total,		$127 00

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For Fatehpur—Mrs. H. B. Newberry, for nurse, 50.00; Mrs. J. W. Howe, for worker and girl, 7.00,		57 00
For Jhansi—Mrs. J. A. Weston, 60.00; Miss L. E. Allen, 5.00; Mrs. W. C. Brewster, 5.00; all for Bible Women; Mrs. W. H. Brown, for two girls, 5.00,		75 00
For China—A Young Man's tithe for B. Woman,		50 00
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Mrs. W. C. Brewster, for Saki Sazeiki,	5 00	
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Miss B. F. Clark, for Yamamoto Some,	30 00	
W. H. Bower, for Lida Setsu,	5 00	
McMurray and Besel, for Yacheyo Maru,	5 00	80 00
Total,		$332 00

SUMMARY.

Allahabad,	$746 00	
Calcutta,	227 56	
Cawnpore,	1,601 27	
Fatehpur,	282 00	
Jhansi	404 13	
China,	370 00	
Japan,	563 40	
General Fund,	705 23	
Jubilee Fund,	127 00	
LINK subscriptions,	6 00	
Estate of Mary K. A. Stone, Caldwell Morrison, M. D., Ex.,	200 00	
Total,		$5,232 59

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Total,		$1,316 40

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SPECIAL NEEDS FOR 1909.

Support for teacher of Day School, Shanghai,	$50 00
Support for children in Calcutta Orphanage, each,	25 00
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From the Misses Comegys, for scholarship in Mary A. Merriman Orphanage, Cawnpore,	20 00	
Miss Howard-Smith, toward work in Jhansi,	10 00	
Through Mrs. Farr:		
From Mrs. J. Lewis Crozer, for Mary A. Stotesbury scholarship,	30 00	
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